Cook on the Witness Stand

Ex-Chairman Admits that Corporation "Attorneys" Contributed liberally to the Democratic Committee.

In its first issue the Kickentold its readers of the very serious charge made by Chairman Cardwell, of the made by Chairman Cardwell, of the Jackson Democratic Club, Kanasa City, that the Democratic State Committee guaranteed to certain corporations legislative protection in exchange for campaign bondle. Mark ters got so warm for the ringsters that something had to be done, and ex-Chairman Sam B. Cook wrotes a letter to the Republic in which he said all sorts of bad things about Mr. Cardwell. It seems to be the policy of the State House Dynasty, to try to justify its own wrongs by pointing out that "there are others." But Cook has been faring badly on late. Svery time he opena, his month he puts his foot in it. And it was so when he attacked Mr. Cardwell. Because the Republic publishe eld Mr. Cook's letter Mr. Cardwell and Mr. Cardwell expects to recover one cent of damages. Milk he may be able to get a judgment in the lower courts, yet it is clear to every observing me as much under the control and influence of the state that over the foot of the first of the patient may also the or the policy of the probable that Mr. Cardwell expects to recover one cent of damages. Milk he may be able to get a judgment in the lower courts, yet it is clear to every observing me as much under the control and influence of the state that cover one cent of damages. While he may be able to get a judgment in the lower courts, yet it is clear to every observing the maximum and the Democrat is monorable promoted and midmence of the state the control and influence of the state that control and influence of the state that the lower courts, yet it is clear to every observing the maximum and the probable that Mr. Cardwell expects to recover one courts, yet it is clear to every observing elimination and the probable that Mr. Cardwell expects to recover one courts, yet it is clear to every observing elimination and the probable that Mr. Cardwell expects to recover one courts, yet it is clear to every observing elimination and the probable that Mr. Cardwell expects to recover one courts, yet it is clear to every observing elimination and the prob Jackson Democratic Club, Kansas TRANSIT COMPANY'S CONTRIBUTION

influence of the state machine as is the monkey of an organ grinder under the control and influence of its master. What Mark 1 and influence of its master. master. What Mr. Cardwell wants s an opportunity to prove that the statements made by him are true-

Ex-Representative Ransdell, of Stephens?" "Repliens?" "I prefer not to tell." testified that he was a member of the legislature in 1889-91, when a bill to reduce stock yards charges o'Rear was insurance commissioner was pending, and that Seibert sent for him and asked him to vote against the bill because the stock state chairman?" erally to the Democratic campaign

The most important testimony was that of Sam B, Cook, present seretary of state, and ex-chairman of the Democratic state committee. sections as reported by the press dispatches, and will allow the reader to

or said:

"The brewers had given the Republicans \$5,000. I understand, and they came to us and offered \$2,500 for our campaign fund. It was given to Mr. Selbert by the brewers' agent, with the request that it be not reported in the ordinary channels.

"HIDING THE SHELLS."

Cook said he wished to explain what had been referred to in the tes-timony about the Phelps contribu-

statements made by him are true—and he has made a mighty good beginning.

The taking of depositions began at Independence on Wednesday of last week. Bill Phelps, "attorney" for the Burlington and the Bell Telephone Company; H. 8. Priest, "attorney" for the Br. Louis Transit Company, and James M. Scibert and Sam B. Gook, "general attorneys" for the whole "push," were expected to be present. Seibert, Priest and Corroll were not there, But Sam Cook was, and so was Bill Sam Cook was, and so was Bill Phelps.

what had been referred to in the testimony about the Phelps contribution in 1896; "I was chairman then," he said, "and Col. Phelps gave me his check tor \$100. Afterward we needed \$2.000 more. Col. Phelps paid it. Col. Carroll had paid \$1.000 in the part raised for Gov. Stephens when it came time for us to file our report a personal friend of Gov. Stephens came to me and, on behalf of the governor, asked that the \$2.000 riven by Gol. Pfielps be entered as having been given by some one else, and the desert of "don't he governor, asked that the \$2.000 riven by some one else, and the desert of "don't he governor, asked that the \$2.000 riven by some one else, and the dealers to be a wolf in the testimony about the Phelps contribution in 1896. It measured six feet from tip to tip. Mr. Freeman hasn't lost any more sheep.—Salem Monitor.

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"But weinsist."
"It was Mr. Ed T. O'Rear." (Mr.

several days urging the passage of what was called the horse breeders'

"And you know this bill authoris-While we have not the space to give ed or legalized the betting on horse it in full, we give the most important races inside of inclosures?" Cook: "It broke up the pool-

"But it legalised gambling or

resulting which elected the legal and that the Metropolitan Street of 1800. In the campaign of his paid.

"In the campaign of 1806 did you collect money from the corporation of the law of

The Scott County Newsbay will breath its last this week—so we are reliably informed. Editor Smith of the Second, has bought the subscription list and some of the material, and the remainder of the plant will be moved out of the county and a "long-bit want" will be established some where election the state.

Exchange Sayings.

We notice that a number of our southeast Democratic papers are calling Joe Russell of Charleston, "General Joe Russell." Now where the devil did Joe Russell get that title? He was born after the civil war was over. He was only a kid when the bushwhackers and white-cappers were making their raids in Southeast Missouri. He didn't belong to the James and Younger gang. In fact he has never as much as been a horse-trader, and why dub him "general?" Mr. Russell is a bright young lawyer, an honorable gentleman, and the Democrat is not willing to stand by and see Mr. Russell binckguarded by the men who pretend to be his friends.—Cape Girardeau Democrat. We notice that a number of our

A. J. Freeman has been losing a A. J. Freeman has been losing a great many sheep in the past three weeks, but by purchasing some strychnine and dosing a carcass he got two dogs, a red fox, several smaller animals and one animal, the hide of which he was showing around town last Monday, and was pronounced by fur dealers to be a wolf hide. It measured six feet from tip to tip. Mr. Freeman hasn't lost any more sheep.—Salem Monitor.

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We have received two numbers of the Scott County Kicker, Phil A. Hafner's new paper. It is a neat, ably edited sheet, embraces many sound doctrines and is taking steps to secure justice from unjust corporations, syndicates, trusts, legislation and legislators, etc., for the masses of the people. The paper is well patronized.—Sikeston Herald.

I meighbors visit us.

The shooting matches and turkey lunch proved quite a success on Thanksgiving. About two hundred turkeys were shot four turkeys were shot for turkeys were shot for the Alex. Dunbar property.

Commerce.

I Teland HAS TOYS! By Toys is meant anything from a

have a few "commercial orchards?"
The apple crop is one that never overstocks the markets. The demand is good always everywhere for this the king of fruits.—Iron County

Registrate the king of fruits.—Iron County

The work of cutting the drift in the Buckeye is progressing nicely. Some better mineral than ever is being taken out, which, those in a position to know, say will run 85 per cent pure lead. We have one piece at this office that is nearly solid lead.— Fredericktown Democrat-News.

The Scott County Kicker is undoubtedly trying to kick some of the boodlers out of its party. Go ahead Bro. Hafner and keep up the good work if you do dispose of a majority of the party in this state.—Charleston Start on Start on

ton Star.

The Oak Ridge firms drove to Jackson last Saturday 1,000 turkeys and sold them to the poultry dealers here. Several thousand head of poultry were shipped from Jackson last week.—Hersid.

Joe Meyer, who once lived here, with three other nimrods from Free-berg, Ill., were down to see Lark Huges last week. They kept bunnie on the hump and the Lark on the wing from breakfast till supper.

Something out of joint down the

At New Hamburg.

BENTON, MO. DECEMBER 7, 1901.

The old residence of Leo Stehr, now owned by the Scherer brothers, is being overhauled and put in good

Ireland HAS TOYS! By Toys is at the fairgrounds, Oran, Saturday, meant anything from a December 14. T. F. Hinkle. meant anything from a December 14. Think of \$8,000 cash being realis jumping jack to a rocking-horse ed from 90 acres of apple orchard in and then some. It would be a diffi-the third year of its bearing—\$8,000 cult to K to have to describe the "Did you go among the members of the crop on the trees this year of many to some shibition at Ireland's, of the legislature and ask them to vote for any bill?"

"I did. I stayed in Jefferson City The apple crop is one that never though you have no other object be-

ecause he don't come to town every day they will have to fire away, as he is busy hauling wood and, besides, there arrived at his house lately au fillie infant that is quite interesting—so much so that there is no time for

loafing. We have been asked why we never report marriages, births or deaths. In answer we will say that the first always appears under report of mar-ringe license issued; the second we rarely have on account of the good year, and being a "slow" people, we hardly ever die.

Farmers and breeders desiring high-grade stock should not forget the date—December 14—of Thomas F. Hinkle's live stock sale at the fair grounds at Oran.

An elderly man from the country carried his gun carelessly while perambulating the streets Saturday and the officers interviewed him on the subject, but he explained matters and they let him go, retaining the revolver, which they afterwards sent to him.

Bomething out of joint down the line, as our mail comes "sorter" on the hit-and-miss fashion. We could get mail via Santa Fee at 3 p. m. No fall with that route.

What the devil can we do? Fifteen cents for railroading half a pound of freight from Commerce to Benton. We are d—n tired of this private

Ward and Dodge were home from Essex Sunday where they are erect-ing a couple of cottages. They re-port that to be finebountry. Money plentiful and business booming.

Henry Deiterding, of Big Island, was in Benton Tuesday. Somewhere in his rounds he lost a pocketbook coutaining \$25. James McPheeters and son, Chester, of Benton, visited mother and grandmother, at this place Sunday.
Clark McKnight, of Springfield, Mo., is visiting relatives and friends

other districts are boarding in town taking advantage of the opportunity afforded. The principal informed your scribe that he would furnish the names of the pupils deserving special mention for punctuality, deportment and good lessons for publication in next week's issue of the Keker. Therefore, boys and girls, do your less, for, if your names do not appear your parents will wonder why?

pear your parents will wonder why The Penvine freight has for several evenings past, came in town at sun-down and proceeded to make night hideous by switching, escaping of steam, ringing the bell and blowing the whistle all night long, much to the annoyance of those living near it, notably, Dr. Harris and C. D. M.

Gupton, who are waxing wroth. Oran is probably the best live stock market in Southeast Missouri. Perhaps the largest and most important sais of the season is now billed to take place at the fair grounds on

Miss Mahau of the W. C. T. U made a talk to the school on Weduesday on the effects of narcotics in general, and eighretts in particular. She also gave a recital at the M. E. church to an appreciative endience.

Judge Batts passed through town last Friday on his way home from Benton and stopped to shake hands with the boys and tell them that he is a candidate for sheriff. Success to you. Judge.

Toys and trinkets, toilet and manicure sets, dolls and jumping-jacks, albums, glassware, Chinaware and jewelry, etc., etc., at Hinkle & Dirnberger's, Oran.

at Charleston, they went to Cairo. where they were married.

Several of our teachers attended the teachers' association and report a good time. Prof. Atchison read an able paper on the "Common Mis-takes in Teaching."

J. A. Armstrong says he is doing a great deal of building in Vanduser and Crowder. Evidently those towns are flourishing. Remember the live stock sale

Stockholders' Notice. change and Fair Association are requested to meet at the Town Hall in Qran on Monday ember 9th, 1901, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of organising and transacting any other ALEX. WRIGHT. JAMES F. ALLEN.

Secretary.

Santa Claus handles. His Ireland. a splendid line that hagent at Commerce is Ireland. at publisher's prices.

V. V. Lauck is hauling lumber pre-paratory to building a new residence in the north part of town. After it is completed Mr. Lauck will become a resident of our village.

Laudry Drury had an attack of

in the completion of Justin Drury's new residence.

A girl born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hess was Christened "Leona" at the church Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hess stood as sponsors.

The roof on the new school build-

The Kicker was the only Benton paper that reached here in time for gaged property.

Last week while Judge Bugg was out hunting, J. W. Armstrong, of Vauduser, eloped with his daughter, Minnie, and failing to obtain a license ing. November 28. ing, November 28.

ŝ	Chorus
μ	Prayer Rev. George Ramsey.
l	Chorus "Move Forward."
i	Wel-ome Address Miss liber Broome.
Į	Essay, "Thanksgiving.". Miss Vandalia Penny.
۱	Recitation Miss Gale Edwards.
	Yorni Solo Mrs. Apple Law
	Select Reading, "Intellectual Greatness," Miss Eddie Mac Swader.
l	Declamation Mr. Joseph Kills.
	Quartette—Thanksgiving," Misses I. Broome, G. Edwards. H. Sewell, V. Penny.
١	Recitation, "Dutch Telephone." Miss I. Broome.
	Select Reading, "Evils of Immigration," Miss Earl Louisx
	Recitation. "Jane's Conquest," Miss Althen Ellis.
	Quartette, "We Float,"
۱	Becitation, "The Baid-Hended Man,"
ŝ	President McKinley's Parewell Address
9	Mr. H. Hall.
į	Motion Song By Public School Pupils.
5	Peanut Song Glee Club.
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MRS. J. W. WARE, Organist

AROUND-ABOUT.

Mrs. F. G. Schank was laid to rest to at the Catholic cametery, after soldern min high mass, Tuesday morning. Her death was caused from typhold lever. A strange coincidence is that on the same date, twenty years ago, id her brother, Leo, was buried, and ten years ago the first wife of her in husband was buried. A most creditiable and noteworthy feature of her sad departure is the spirit shown a ster her burisl all had good and comfortable homes. Did the true of the rest children. Within an hour after her burisl all had good and comfortable homes. Did the true of the children. Within an hour after her burisl all had good and comfortable homes. Did the true of the children. Within an hour after her burisl all had good and comfortable homes. Did the true of the children within a spirit pervade all commences as well as the conference of the first wife of the homes of the conference of the first wife of the homes of the conference of the first wife of the homes of the conference of the first wife of the homes of the conference of the first wife of the homes of the conference of the first wife of the homes of the conference of the first wife of the homes of the conference of the conferen

Santa Claus must have special munity. Toy trunks, druns, horns, rocking horses, dolls—in fact, everything to amuse the children is what Santa Claus handles. His Toylor. Good books are one of them. A scrap book is also a nice Christmus present. Ireland, at Commerce, has a splendid line that he offers almost

An exchange tells of a dentist who received this letter from a party who wanted a set of teeth by mail: "Dear in the north part of town. After it is completed Mr. Lauck will become a resident of our village.

The youngest child of George Buhs has scarlet fever and the neighborhood is somewhat alarmed, fearing a spread of the disease among children.

Landry Denry had an attack of the community for the commun

A man at Poplar Bluff recently pneumonia, but it seems that he is now master of the situation and is on the road to recovery.

Tony Heisserer and Charley Messmer are at New Hamburg assisting for building. Several of the carpent in the completion of larger than the completion of the carpent. ers generously got together and built the home for them.—Ex.

County court met Saturday and granted license to T. A. Cooksey, of Sikeston, to operate a saloon at Crowder. Court adjourned to December 14, when the petition of Chas. F Bonnefor for a license at Vanduser will be considered.

Prosecuting Attorney Kelly, at Blodgett Wednesday, dismissed the suit against Richard Edwards, charged with running off with mort-

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

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THE KICKER.

On the 14th promises to attract many people. Some excellent stock will be offered. Hinkle's live stock sale at Oran

Elijah Ollar, R. G. Stone. Coda Walker and Mr. Watson, of Com-M. E. Church, Thursday Even-Lomax-Dieterding trial Tuesday F. L. Withaup & Co., of Poplar

Bluff, have rented a part of the bank building at Oran and will put in a stock of drugs soon. James W. Armstrong and Miss Minnie Bugg, both of Vanduser, were

granted marriage licenses at Cairo Remember that you can get the Kicker from now until January 1, 1903 for only \$1.00.

The city authorities of Charleston are going to use vitrified brick for

Mrs. John Amos is confined to her bed with paralysis. from an attack of nervous trouble

Wednesday. A few inches of the "Beautiful Snow" visited Benton Wedneseny

Wm. English, of Benton, die

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs.

Big Slaughter Sale

We must make room for our immense stock of Holiday Goods. In order to do so we have marked prices even lower than heretofore. Big bargains in all departments of our Mammoth Store.

Children's Jackets.

We have a nice line of pretty up-to-date Children's Jackets. All sizes, which we positively refuse to carry over. Hence we will sell them regardless of cost.

Men's and Boy's Overcoats

If you don't need an overcoat now you will never need one. We have a big line of Men's and Boy's overcoats, all sizes, at prices that defy competition.

********************** **Ladies Shirt Waists**

We are not giving you hot air when we say that we have cut the price on Ladies shirt waists to absolute cost—we have a variety of styles in Flannel waist that we must sell during this great sacrifice sale.

Overshoes and Rubbers

The time for overshoes and rubbers is at hand and you'll need them. We bought them during the summer, hence we got them cheap and they are going the same way. -------------------------

Ladies and Children's Hats

The Millinery season is somewhat advanced, but we still have a nice assortment of Ladies and Children's Hats. Miss Gonell, who has so ably handled this department is still in charge and will be glad to show you the complete line.

............................. UNDERWEAR

We are overstocked on these goods and must get rid of them. Ladies and children's wool fleeced union suits, all sizes, from 25 cents up.

Will arrive in a few days and we will be in a position to show the largest and most select stock of Xmas Toys, Fancy Glassware, Fruits, Nuts, &c., ever shown in Benton. Seeing is believing. Give us a share of your patronage and you will not regret it.

W. H. HEISSERER & CO., BENTON.